



TJEERDSMA RETIRES



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COACH MEL TJEERDSMA answers questions after his retirement announcement on Dec. 29 in the third floor J.W. Jones Student Union boardroom. Tjeerdsma spent 17 years coaching at Northwest and won three national championships. He plans to spend more time with family as well as relocate back to Texas.

Coach steps down after 17 seasons

Football program must reload, re-focus with loss of iconic figure head

By Tony Botts
Sports Editor

By now, the news has spread far and wide across the Midwest and throughout Division II.

The day in which Mel Tjeerdsma stepped away from one of the most successful programs in all of college football came during a quiet week over winter break.

Family was on the mind of the four-time Coach of the Year as he made his decision to depart from the Northwest coaching staff.

He leaves after 17 seasons and three national championships and creating a juggernaut in the MIAA and Division II playoffs.

"Coach Tjeerdsma has no apologies to make to this institution," President John Jasinski said. "He has served his time and served it well. Those that came before him set the stage and he has set the stage

for those that come after."

Tjeerdsma said the thought of retirement remained throughout the season and following the program's third national title victory over Grand Valley State last December.

"The decision has been on my mind since last summer," Tjeerdsma said. "I didn't make a final decision, I didn't share it with anybody other than Carol (Tjeerdsma)...I really don't have any second thoughts. I'm sure I will at some point, but when we got back from Duluth I talked to Dr. Jasinski and asked if we could meet. I alerted him then that I pretty much had made up my mind, but I needed some things to work out."

With former assistant head coach Will Wagner receiving the head coaching position at Angelo State days prior to Tjeerdsma's announcement, the long time head coach knew things needed to speed up.

"Will got the head coaching job at Angelo, (and) it kind of pushed things ahead a little bit because the next thing I had to do was hire an-

other coach and I didn't feel that was fair to another coach. It wasn't fair to our program and it wasn't fair to our succeeding head coach," Tjeerdsma said.

When it came time to unveil his decision, he addressed a small crowd that included his wife, the entire Northwest football coaching staff and their wives, current and former players, University faculty and staff and fans clad faithfully in green and white.

"When I was sitting there I didn't think much about it," new head coach Scott Bostwick said. "But then coach starts welling up, (thought of) a lot of memories, a lot of awesome memories. Dr. Jasinski hit it right on the button about being so grounded: that's Mel Tjeerdsma...Not many people get to leave on their own terms. He's doing it the way he wants to and that's pretty special."

The day before Tjeerdsma announced his intentions, he spent most of Tuesday afternoon and evening contacting his players to inform them of the changes to the Bearcat coaching staff.

Former coordinator takes over new role

Scott Bostwick, former defensive coordinator, was named head coach and successor to the man he has teamed up with since both their arrivals in 1994.

Bostwick had served 17 seasons as defensive coordinator and linebacker coach under Tjeerdsma and has patiently waited for his opportunity to take the reins of this program. He even admitted he turned down multiple head coaching positions because he knew he longed for an opening at Northwest.

"I've had a lot of opportunities to go to bigger schools," Bostwick said. "Head coachings here and there. My whole statement is if I was ever going to be a head coach it's going to be here."

His time was rewarded and a new title was added to his name.

Bostwick and his wife Sue live in Maryville and have two children. Leah is a freshman on the Northwest volleyball team and Eric is a junior at Maryville High School.

Coach T's Career Highlights

After the legendary run by coach Mel Tjeerdsma, here is a look back at the highlights throughout his illustrious career. From his appearance at Northwest to his groundbreaking retirement, Mel is more than a Bearcat but the passion behind the 'Paw.'

1994 – Takes over as head coach at Northwest. Goes 0-11 in first season with team

Dec. 12, 1998 – first team in Division II history to go 15-0, first of three national championships under Tjeerdsma

Dec. 11, 1999 – team becomes back-to-back national champions

Dec. 10, 2005 – 21-17 loss to Grand Valley State, the first of five straight appearances in the NCAA Division II National Championship game

Dec. 16, 2006 – 17-14 loss to Grand Valley State in second straight appearance

Dec 15, 2007 – 25-21 loss to Valdosta State in third straight appearance

Dec. 13, 2008 – 21-14 loss to Duluth in fourth straight appearance

Dec 12, 2009 – 30 -23 win over Grand Valley third National Championship under Tjeerdsma, in fifth straight appearance

Oct. 16, 2010 – MIAA record 42nd straight win in MIAA 42-28 win over Emporia State

Dec. 11, 2010 – 17-13 semifinal loss at Duluth last game under Tjeerdsma

Dec. 17, 2010 – inducted into Division II Hall of Fame

Dec. 29, 2010 – retires after 17 seasons with the Bearcats



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The accolades of a coaching legend

17 seasons as Northwest head coach

183-32 record at Northwest

12 MIAA Championships

3 national championships

7 national championship appearances

4-time national coach of the year

32 playoff victories

42 playoff game appearances

2010 inductee into Division II Hall of Fame

2010 inductee into Missouri Sports Hall of Fame

Festival rolls in with snow

Students partake in film festival to exhibit and hone editing skills

By Dakota Jones
Chief Reporter

For more than a century, movies have been an opportunity to take a pretty girl out, a way to reconnect with friends and family and a reason to curl up on the couch for a few hours. But for those involved in Northwest's Frostbite Film Festival, film is considered

more of an art. The Frostbite Film Festival is a competition among seven teams. Each team has up to three participants. The teams have their choice of four audio clips from "Inglourious Basterds," "Sherlock Holmes," "Precious" and "The Expendables." The challenge is to match the audio clip to video clips from any other film.

The Independent Film-makers Club sponsors the film festival. This is the club's third year for the festival. This year the competition format is much different than Frostbite's previous years.

"Originally, you had 24 hours to shoot, edit and cast," senior Danny Thompson said. "There were requirements that had to be in the film, like a bag of pretzels, just different things. This year is focused more on the editing aspect of film making."

The teams had a month to perfect their submissions. Alumni in the broadcasting field will judge the short films.

"Although the judges are broadcasting majors, the competition isn't just for people in broadcasting," senior Aaron Smithmier said. "It's for people



ILLUSTRATION BY TY STEVENS | CONVERGENCE EDITOR
THIS YEAR'S OBJECTIVE is to mash two films together. Photo courtesy of www.filmofilia.com (The Expendables) and www.movie-poster.ws (The Incredibles).

with all backgrounds. A geology major could submit a film and bring a different perspective to the table."

Although the first place team will receive a plaque,

Smithmier says participants are more concerned with the fun of the festival.

"This particular year has helped get more people drawn in," Thompson said. "There

isn't all of the production work; essentially it's coming in, teaching yourself the software. This year has helped to get more freshmen and underclassmen involved."

School continues in spite of snow

By Philip Gruenwald
Associate Editor

If you are remotely affiliated with Northwest and have a pulse, you were probably waiting for the news that school would be canceled Tuesday. When classes carried on without a hitch, you probably wondered who was to blame.

Northwest's comprehensive Severe Winter Weather Response plan evolved from draft after draft of revisions, the most recent after last

year's snowstorm caught the response team off guard.

The school-cancellation process begins long before the first snowflake touches the ground, but ultimately ends with a decision by President John Jasinski. In between are the following four steps.

Step 1: Weather monitoring.

Landscape Services Director Lezlee Johnson, University Police Director Clarence Green and Emergency Management Coordinator

Jerry Wilmes use National Weather Service data and a custom online forecast resource called Weather Sentry to gauge and predict the weather's severity.

"Saturday night, I sent (Jasinski) and the rest of the leadership team a forecast," Wilmes said. "There was an almost 100 percent chance of snow most of the day Monday."

"We had several conversations from 4:30 till 9 last

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Employees motivated at president's meeting

By Leslie Nelson
Assistant News Editor

President John Jasinski's All Employee Meeting, open to all campus and University employees, including student employees, kicked off the semester Jan. 5. Jasinski discussed specific campus issues such as recruitment and the upcoming budget cuts.

"It's his time to share whatever he thinks is important for employees to know as we begin another semester on campus," Matt Baker, dean of students, said.

A major issue discussed was the tighter budget for the 2011-2012 school year.

Jasinski said that funding from the state of Missouri for the 2010-2011

school year decreased by 5.2 percent. For next year, the University is looking at a decrease of anywhere from 10 to 20 percent.

The University is already discussing solutions to this loss in funding.

"It truly is a collaborative effort. So the expectation is that everybody at the

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FACULTY ART EXHIBIT



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RACHEL HICKS ADMIRES the ceramic vases crafted by Laura Kukkee at the annual faculty art exhibit. The artwork was submitted from various teachers from the art department. Their artwork will be displayed until Friday, Jan. 21st.

Weekend Events

Jan. 14 Friday

All Day

Art Exhibit: Northwest Department of Art Faculty Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building Artwork by faculty in the Department of Art will be displayed in the Olive DeLuce Gallery Jan. 10 through Jan. 21.

Drop and Withdrawal: Last date for 100% refund on trimester courses

Last date to establish credit by departmental test-out

Track & Field at Nebraska Holiday Inn Invitational, Lincoln, Neb.

BSU Monday Dollar Dinner and After Dinner Mince Baptist Student Union

Jan. 15 Saturday

All Day

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Full payment or first installment due

Missouri Academy: Preview Day
Garrett-Strong Science Building

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Track & Field at Nebraska Holiday Inn Invitational, Lincoln, Neb.

5:30 p.m.

Women's basketball at Southwest Baptist, Bolivar

BSU Monday Dollar Dinner and After Dinner Mince Baptist Student Union

7:30 p.m.

Men's basketball at Southwest Baptist, Bolivar

Jan 16. Sunday

All Day

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Last date to add or enroll in a trimester course

Late registration ends

8:00 a.m.

Independent Filmmakers Club 3rd Annual 'FrostBite Film Festival

BSU Monday Dollar Dinner and After Dinner Mince Baptist Student Union

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A CAR DRIVES past construction machines down 16th street on Wednesday. Contruction on the street was postponed due to the colder weather.

Weather halts construction

By Trey Williams
News Editor

Sixteenth street’s less than stellar condition has been a hot topic of late amongst Maryville residents.

Loch Sand and Construc-tion Company worked on 16th street until construction was halted by cold weather.

“The major issue that af-fects construction is the weath-er,” City Manager Matt LeCerf said. “When the weather gets cold, the concrete freezes and it’s hard to work with.”

The construction, which some feel is long overdue, will cost the city \$884,000.

Mike Luke, who is the proj-ect manager on the job, said the

job is split into two sections. The first was projected to take 60 days, 55 of which are already complete. The second phase will take approximately the same amount of time.

Both LeCerf and Luke an-ticipate construction will begin again in March. Luke is a little more optimistic, saying it may even be as early as Feburary. but reiterates that it all depends on the weather.

Though some residents may find the work and condi-tion of 16th street to be un-bearable, there are some, Lads Landing resident, junior Lucas Johnson, who find it to be only a minor inconvenience.

“I used to use it a lot,” John-

son said. “It makes it quicker to get to the armory but it’s only a little bit of a inconvenience.”

Johnson, who is a mem-ber of the University’s ROTC, understands why construction was postponed and also how fixing it will benefit drivers.

“I did notice it, but it wasn’t a huge inconvenience,” John-son said. “It’ll be nice to get it fixed. It’ll be a lot nicer and make things quicker.”

When construction is done, 16th street from The Birches apartments to North College street will all be new concrete and if construction starts up again March 1 then expect 16th street to be finish around May 4.

Student seat on city council

By Trey Williams
News Editor

In an attempt to con-tinue building the bridge between the city of Maryville and the Univer-sity, both University and city officials are working on providing a seat on the city council for a student member.

Mayor Chad Jackson, along with Dean of Stu-dents Matt Baker, pro-posed the idea after vis-iting a conference where they were presented with

a model from Iowa State, who has offered this op-portunity to students since 2003.

“Ideally, I’d like to see an individual appointed by the end of the trimes-ter,” Quentin Templeton, student senate president said.

Although the ball on the proposal is rolling, when the student member will be able to start has not yet been determined, nor has the amount of re-sponsibility they will be

granted.

“My personal feelings are that they will be a non voting member not elected by the people,” Jackson said.

But more importantly than what his or her pow-ers will be is what he or she can bring to the city and how his or her role will be viewed.

“I thought it’d be good to get student input to act as a liaison and just a

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Courthouse renovations complete

By Leslie Nelson
Assistant News Editor

After seven months of careful planning and hard labor, the Nodaway County Courthouse’s clock tower ren-ovations are finally completed.

The project began June 11, when the Nodaway County Commission chose to create a replica of the clock tower in-stead of trying to repair it.

The clock tower renova-tions were completed Dec. 18.

Lawhon Construction, a general contracting company out of St. Joseph, was hired to take on the project at a cost of about \$476,000.



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THE NEW CLOCK Tower sits on top of Maryville City Hall on Main. The new tower is a replica of the original one built 128 years ago.

Lawhon Costruction con-tracted Campbellsville Indus-tries, out of Kentucky, to rebuild the clock tower.

Repairing the clock tower would cost about \$5,000 more than rebuilding it, according to Nodaway County’s website.

“There were a lot of de-fective timbers in there,” Bob Steins, Nodaway County commissioner, said. “It was in danger of more deterioration,” Steins said.

The clock tower was origi-

nally built 128 years ago.

“It wasn’t anything too drastic,” Bob Wesfall, Nodaway County commissioner, said.

The roof was taken off the tower and the interior struc-tures were rebuilt.

The new tower weighs one-third of the original. Where the old was made of wood, metal and slate shingles, the new one consists of aluminum.

“It’s good for another 100 years,” Steins said.

Police Blotter

Maryville Public Safety

- Jan. 1
There is an ongoing investigation for property damage at 600 block West 16th street.
- Melodi L. Schubert, 24, Sheridan, MO was charged with WOW - FTA at 400 block North Market.
- There is an ongoing investigation for property damage at 100 block South Walnut.
- Jan. 3
Timothy. W. Wood, 22, King Ciy, MO was charged with WOW – FTA at 400 block North Market.
- There is an ongoing investigation for fraud at 300 block East Summit Drive.
- Jan. 4
Colten G. Freeze, 22, Liberty, MO was charges with contempt of court.
- Steven A. Wilcox, 39, Lowry City, MO was charged with contempt of court.
- Jan. 5
John P. Zech, 53, Kearney, MO was charged with a city code violation at 500 block West 5th street.
- Thomas E. Hooker, 50, Glanmoore, PA was charged with a city violation at 300 block West 7th street.
- There is an ongoing investigation for burglary at 300 block East 6th street.
- Jan. 6
There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at 1100 block East 1st street.
- There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at 600 block South Main.
- Jan. 7
Bradley D. Ashley, 47, city, was charged with driving without a valid

- driver’s license at 800 block East 1st street.
- Merlin G. Lininger, 38, city, was charged with WOW – FTA at 400 block North Market.
- Jan. 8
There is an ongoing investigation for property damage at 300 block West Edwards.
- Renae L. Newlon, 25, Cameron, MO was charged with possession of another’s ID at 300 block North Market.
- Jan. 9
Andrew D. Drake, 19, Overland Park, was charged with a Minor in Possession at 400 block South Main.
- Melissa G. Parkhurst, 31, city, was charged with Driving while Suspended at 1600 block South Main.
- Nodaway County Sheriff Dept.**
- The Nodayway County Sheriff Department provided incidents reported in this log. All subjects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.**
- Jan. 1
Donald K. Brink, 52, Maryville, MO and Harolding M. Brink, 47, Maryville, MO were arrested for Civil Detox.
- Jan. 2
A Pickering subject reported a barn fire in Pickering, MO.
- Jan. 3
Sameera W. Almuttar, 24, Kansas City, MO was issued a citation for Driving while License was revoked.

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OUR VIEW

Let victory continue

Once the shock of Mel Tjeerdsma's resignation wears off, the public perception will shift from devastating blow to promising opportunity. Until then, talk of how high he set the bar carries our collective fears instead of inspiring confidence. Instead, think of it this way: Tjeerdsma and new head coach Scott Bostwick have written a well-known novel out of Northwest's football program. Now, the book's next chapter is ready to be written.

Thinking optimistically, one begins to see just how bright that silver lining is around the rain cloud of Tjeerdsma's absence. For example, he will leave on positive grounds. There was no scandal, bitterness nor hate. It was more like a fond farewell between two friends who have been through a lot together.

The positives of his legacy, like the spirit that he brought to the football program, will remain. Northwest did not rack up a record of 32-10 in playoff victories under the iron grip of a ruthless slave

driver, but at the confidently charismatic hand of a leader and teacher. That atmosphere will remain years from now.

Known informally as the Mayor of Maryville, Tjeerdsma was a gentle giant who will now lumber along to a new town. He takes his legendary coaching success with him, or more importantly, the expectation of legendary coaching success. Can you imagine if he was simply transferring to another university's football program? If we thought the pressure was on Bostwick to deliver next fall, consider the expectations that Tjeerdsma would face.

Bostwick has an able crew of coaches and players to orchestrate his own poetry on this blank new chapter. He just needs to get over the writer's block and start scribbling. After co-authoring the only relevant prologue in Northwest's football story alongside Tjeerdsma himself, it is Bostwick's time to decide what happens next. History is ready to be written.

Politicians must learn to speak softly

By Philip Gruenwald
Associate Editor

Ethics in the professional world abhors negativity in the office. Especially during an interview, negative comments toward a previous employer or coworker are unprofessional and impolite. These ethical standards apply to businesses and organizations nationwide, with one major exception: Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. The GOP's questionably violent propaganda, some featuring targets and bulls-eyes, is just a recent wake-up call for Washington to simmer down. Trash-talking, mud-slinging and negative campaigns taint our nation's control room and obstruct progress.

The general consensus in America has been one of increasing distaste for negative campaigns. Yet along with this trend came a paradoxical increase in negative campaigns in the 2010 elections. Apparently, trash-talking is here to stay.

Trash-talking reaches beyond the election races, however. It includes off-hand remarks, comparisons between elected officials and fictional characters or animals, claims that either party is "anti-American" and overstated party affiliations, such as "socialist."

The main reason politicians universally trash talk each other is because it works, for

several reasons: 1) It demands the attention of a listener or viewer, evoking an emotional response, 2) Sound bytes and buzz words are hot right now because they offer welcomed relief from the internet's data-saturated resources and 3) It has worked before. And it has worked once, it could surely work again.

As a result, trash-talking inhibits Congressional continuity with every shift in House control. Republicans who spent 2009 bashing the left-powered

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congress now serve in committees with them. Now that Republicans have control of the 112th Congress, Democrats have control of the media, ready to verbally melee their way back into power.

It also makes our nation's leaders look silly. The problem with tweet-length political statements is how limited their integrity can be. Instead of debate-length rhetoric, our

elected officials rely on catty immaturity in the form of tweets, or short sound bytes to be cut and pasted into evening news broadcasts across the country.

Talking trash will be a hard habit to break for politicians, especially when "the other guys" are still taking those cheap shots. Still, a little civility and professionalism never goes unrewarded in the business world. Imagine its potential at America's helm.

CAMPUS TALK

What is your favorite memory of head coach Tjeerdsma?



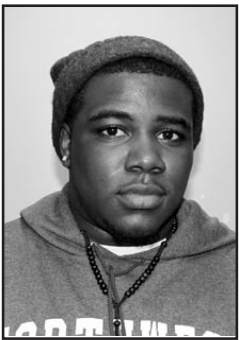
"I think he has been pretty consistent. Even though they don't win the championship for six years straight, they were always getting to the finals."

Kelvin Ihenacho
Biology



"Just the crowd and atmosphere, that they always stood up, and the hype before each game each week."

Kyle Schoenhals
Marketing



"My freshmen year when I first got here and just seeing that the football team was just winning back-to-back-to-back."

Ivan Hubbard
Public Relations



"Going to Alabama for three years in a row. It was just a great experience going down there, traveling with the team whether we won or lost."

Keeley Kendall
Elementary Education



"We had conference at Missouri Southern and he drove all the way down to Missouri Southern to watch the entire track team compete."

Bridget Kleine
English Education



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Maryville's stagnant commerce portfolio

By Brittany Keithley
Editor-in-Chief

Maryville is powered by four major conglomerates, if you will. These powerhouses fuel the community, provide jobs and offer Maryville the stability to develop and grow without the threat of losing its way.

The University does the heavy lifting as they bring 1,700 students to Maryville every year to feed the economy with their eager spending and overactive social lives. They employ the surrounding community, offering income and a livelihood for families who come to settle down or start a career.

Kawasaki and the Energizer plant fall in line next as they both offer jobs and a more regular income to the community while Wal-Mart lends their hand as they offer jobs as well and stimulate the economy with the taxes collected in house.

With these four entities fueling the town, Maryville's stability is not the

question. The question, however, is the future of Maryville and what progression it will make.

With an unhealthy balance of fast food restaurants already and the recent addition of Taco Bell to Main Street, fast food does not seem to be an answer to the future of the town. Though it is inevitable that grease joints will rise and fall, this would hardly be the grand progression to which Maryville might look.

More permanent fixations like A&G, La Bonita and Applebee's don't have the uncertainty of the fast food joints that fell in the past. With dinner options covered with exception to an Italian venue, Maryville could use a late night option for bar-goers or late study nights.

This venue would open up minimal jobs and would not only attract business easily but add more money to the economy. An Ihop, Waffle House or Perkins is an approach that Maryville has not yet addressed. If something needs to be added concerning food, a 24/7 option should be at the top of the list.

With Wal-Mart dominating local commerce and HyVee and Walgreens cleaning up those left behind, Maryville Mall (JC Penney, Maurices, Payless) does its best to meet their shopper's needs, but sadly many venture south to St. Joseph's shopping venues. Many mention Target as a contender but with St. Joseph so close it seems redundant to add another to the region. Local businesses cover the majority of knick-knacks or services that people may need but an extremely popular hobby that Maryville takes very seriously is left untouched. A better-stocked athletic store such as Sport's Authority, Dick's Sporting Goods or Scheel's would come in handy with the extent of the athleticism of the Spoofhounds and Bearcats.

With empty buildings or entrepreneurs passing through, opportune investments are not lacking. Maryville has a solid groundwork but its future remains unclear and whether the progression lies in food or commerce, it seems the advancement is necessary.

INSIDE WASHINGTON

Top five acts of Congress over winter break

The outgoing "lame duck" 111th Congress could have been called anything but lame as they rounded out their term in the late weeks of December. Passing the Don't Ask, Don't Tell repeal was one of the most impacting decisions made, but their work continued while we sipped egg nog over winter break. Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, shown here, took the seat as new House Speaker Jan. 5. That ceremony kicks off the list as No. 1 on our top five acts of Congress that took place over winter break.

Senate ratified the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty 67-28 Dec. 21. Think of this landmark treaty as America's Department of Defense taking the first step in worldwide nuclear disarmament. Signed in Prague by Barack Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, the START treaty gives each nation seven years to reduce their amount of deployed strategic nuclear weapons to 1,550 each.

The House passed the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act 206-60 Dec. 22. This act reserves \$4.3 billion for physical and mental health evaluation and treatment for responders and surviving victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Rare cancers and respiratory



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diseases have tormented responders, specifically fire fighters and police officers, adding a sense of urgency to this bill's passage. James Zadroga, for whom the bill was named, was one of several NYPD officers to die from a 9/11-related respiratory disease.

The House passed the Protecting Students From Sexual and Violent Predators Act 314-20 Dec. 21. This act updates the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to include full criminal background checks for all school employees, immediately restricting anyone with a

past sex offense from being a school employee.

The House passed the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act 215-144 Dec. 21. This ups the FDA's firepower in an effort to take preventative, not reactionary, action for food recalls due to safety, tampering or misbranding. This power comes in the form of new authority to mandate registration for food facilities every two years. Mandatory recalls, the first implementation of this act, replaces the current voluntary recalls during negotiations with food companies.

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night and then those conversations started by email and text at 4:00 (Tuesday) morning."

Step 2: Decision-Making Considerations

After evaluating weather forecasts and current weather conditions, McGraw and Johnson present their recommendation to Jasinski. They can recommend class postponement, early school closings or total class cancellations if they believe students or the faculty and staff are at risk in the current weather conditions.

"So there are several variables that we'll look at," explained Provost Doug Dunham. "Temperature is one. If the wind chill gets below a certain threshold where it's dangerous.

"If we expect a certain amount of snow. I think it's eight inches or something

like that, but part of that depends on the ability of the city and campus to clear it. If it's blowing so hard that we're not going to be able to provide a safe environment for people to walk on then that's different."

Wimes later confirmed that the wind chill threshold is set at -25 F, based on data from the National Weather Service.

Step 3: Decision-Making

The man with the big red button is none other than Jasinski himself. After the recommendations come in from McGraw and Johnson, he asks their opinion and then decides to either carry on as usual or make an alteration.

Step 4: Emergency Notification

Alerts are sent out via Bearcat Alert text messages, campus-wide emails and an announcement on the University home page. You can sign up for Bearcat Alert at <http://www.nwmissouri.edu/>

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"Text is the most efficient way," Dunham said.

Students looking to school cancellations at University of Missouri, Kansas City or even Missouri Western University are wasting their time, according to Dunham. Any decision regarding weather's impact is based solely on weather conditions in Maryville.

So just how close were we to missing school Tuesday? According to Wilmes, Jasinski was confident in the team's information-gathering days in advance.

"In my mind, we were not even close, but it was not a superficial response," Wilmes said. "It's like any good process. We're weighing information as we get access to it, just like the conversation I had Sunday morning with the president. He said, 'is there anything we need to know? It sounds like we're good to go the next couple days if everything holds through.'"

STUDENT

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younger voice on issues," Jackson said.

Along with assisting the community and bringing a fresh outlook on city issues, being appointed to a position on the city council will benefit the student as well.

"It's an excellent education opportunity," Jackson said. "Getting involved with civic government and even the funding side of things."

As news of the new position spreads, more people, like City Manager Matt LeCerf, are excited to get the position underway.

"We value that partnership between community and the University," LeCerf said. "The University is a significant component within the community."

With approximately 7,000 students making up a large part of the Maryville community, Jackson is always looking for ways to close the gap between the University and the community.

"This is just a piece of the puzzle," Jackson said. "As we move forward with those basic decisions it'll help to have that younger view to bring to the board."

BAKER

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Baker on board," President John Jasinski said. "His credentials are incredible. He's done so much in his career already, one marked by an orientation toward results. He's focused on the student-athlete experience, really what D-II is all about, life in the balance, and what Northwest is all about."

At Northwest, Baker will oversee the University's athletic vision, budget and facilities. He will also work with the Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance along with club and recreation sports.

He cites the biggest challenge of coming to Northwest as fitting in to an already established program instead of starting one from scratch.

His first plan of action upon arriving in Maryville

will be to complete a thorough evaluation of all of Northwest's athletic facilities.

While at Rogers State, Baker oversaw multimillion dollar improvements to four different athletic venues, initiated fundraising efforts and hired seven head coaches and an entire athletic administration staff.

Prior to his tenure at Rogers State, Baker was director of athletics for Valliant, Okla. Public Schools, assistant director of operations for men's basketball at Oklahoma State University and assistant men's basketball coach at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Baker earned a bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 2001 and a master's degree in education leadership studies from Oklahoma State University in 2003.

MEETING

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University is going to play a role in creating a solution to address these challenges," Nate Blackford, director of Strategic Research, explained. The University will de-

cide where to decrease funding to make up the loss this spring.

"We're not going to take any appropriations decrease and place it on the backs of students," Jasinski said.

A learning opportunity also takes place at each meeting. Enrollment Management gave a presentation

that showed how each staff member had a role in recruitment.

"They showed a fast-forward tour," Baker explained. "It counted the number of times you saw another person on campus. So 500 people are seen by a touring family."

The presentation stressed that everyone has a role in re-

cruitment because so many people are seen on tours.

Jasinski also focused on lighter topics. The meeting's attendees recognized each new hire and retiring employees.

A question and answer session ended the meeting, giving faculty and staff a chance to ask any questions.

STAFF

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'Cats and an All-American offensive lineman.

He has also coached the o-line for Team USA in the IFAF World Championships.

Bostwick thrilled to have Gordon back

Former linebacker and graduate assistant Ken Gordon is returning to Northwest to be the secondary coach and special teams coordinator.

Gordon succeeds Will Wagner, who left to become the head coach at Angelo State.

He served as defensive coordinator and

linebackers' coach at Emporia State the last four years. Before Emporia, Gordon served two years in the same capacity at Minnesota State-Mankato and two years at Pierce College (Calif.).

Gordon was part of the first recruiting class for retired head coach Mel Tjeerdsma and head coach Scott Bostwick. He played linebacker for the Bearcats in 1995 and 1996, garnering all-MIAA honors as a senior, he was a graduate assistant for the back-to-back national championship teams in 1998 and 1999.

All hirings have taken place since Bostwick's promotion to head coach Dec. 31. All hirings are effective immediately.



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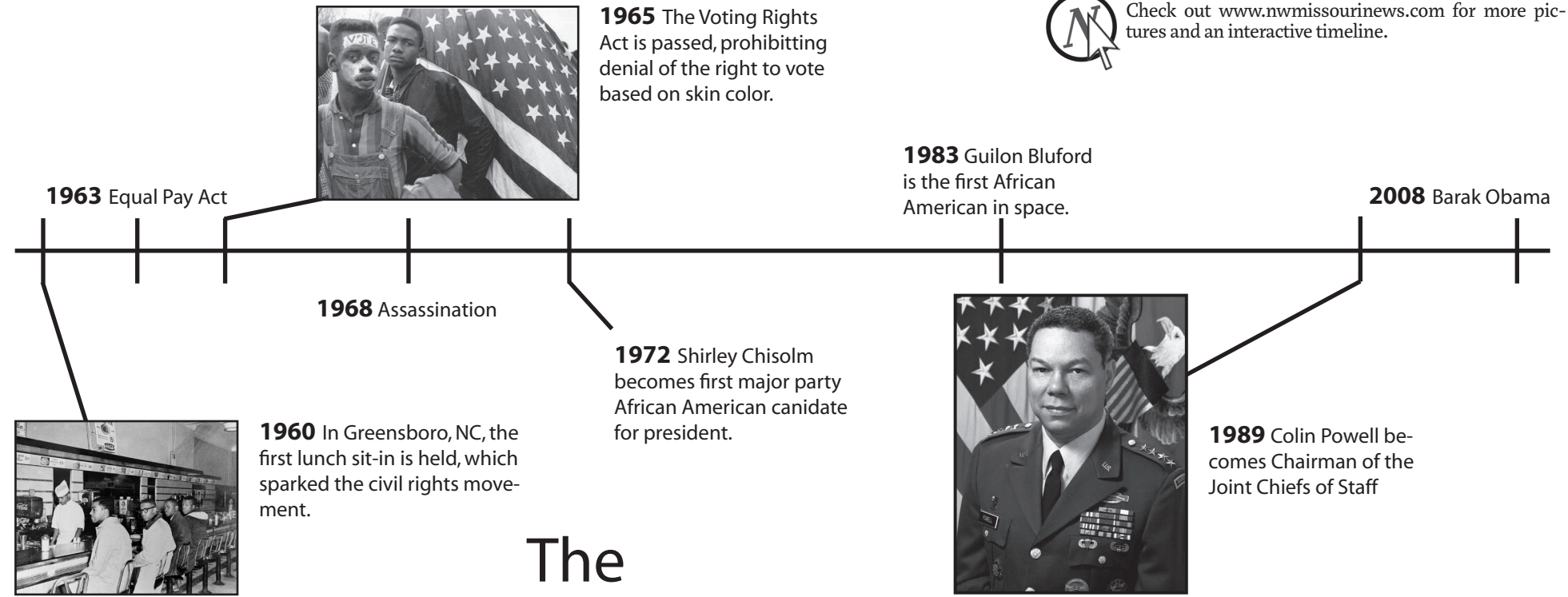
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Northwest looks back as civil rights continue to move forward

By Matt Leimkuehler
Features Editor

April 4, 1968 was a day that struck fear through the hearts of civil rights activists across the nation. They feared a non-responsive America to their cries of injustice and inequality after the death of the movement's prominent leader, Martin Luther King Jr.

Their fear was met with rallying effort to change the status quo and to forever keep their inspirational leader's memory and message alive.

With the signing of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and the Fair Housing Treaty April 11, the U.S. showed a willingness to make a change.

Although primary and secondary schools, colleges and universities were already integrated at this time, 1953's

Brown vs. Board of Education left a major element of discrimination involved in education.

"No African Americans were admitted until 1953, but even after that they weren't allowed to live on campus and no one would rent to them." Northwest Alumni Tom Carneal said.

Regardless of the obvious inequality of the University, there were some that were willing to help.

"The provost at the time bought the house 418 W. Second St. He bought it so that the black students could live off campus," Carneal said. "I bought the house after him. The neighbors were concerned. They couldn't believe I wanted to live in a house that black people lived in. That's the reason I wanted the house. But by the '70s, things got better."

By the 1970s, not only schools showed a readiness to change. Politics welcomed Shirley Chisolm to become the

The Rights of the People

first African American major-party candidate for president. Although these new changes seemed well received, change brings an unacceptance from those who are unwilling to change. And with unwillingness comes violence.

On Nov. 16, 1972, two black students were killed by white policemen at a protest sit-in at Southern University in Baton Rouge.

"Northwest didn't have violence like Arkansas, or Mississippi, but the community was biased," Carneal said. "But it got better. It did get better. The University created a position (Dean of Students) to deal with the issues and make the student's suffering more accepted and recognized."

On Jan. 20, 2009, the election of Barack Obama, the United States' first black president, showed activists that the pain and suffering of earlier years was not in vain.

The struggle for a free and equal America is an ongoing battle, but with the memory of Martin Luther King Jr. still alive and remembered, it is attainable.

"Fairness and equality are not things to just be thought of during February or on Martin Luther King Day. These things should be considered always. It's a constant mission," Dean of Students Matt Baker said. "If everyone, every student, stopped and took a few minutes out of their day to consider other aspects, other cultures, other perspectives, we could make this mission apart of everything we do."

1960: FOUR A&T COLLEGE students sit in seats designated for white people at the racially segregated Woolworth lunch counter in Greensboro in 1960. Greensboro News & Record photo by Jack Moe-bes. <http://www.learnnc.org>
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By Amanda Schulte-Smith
Features Editor

2010 was a year of shock, unity and the occasional, what the heck? As we move on ready to make a fresh start, we cannot help but remember some of the most memorable moments in the last year.

2010 was quite the year for actress Betty White. The golden girl became the oldest host of Saturday Night Live at the age of 88. White continued to pop up in various commercials and TV cameos, even receiving an Emmy Award for Outstanding Guest Actress in a Comedy Series.

New Orleans was finally given something to celebrate when the Saints won Super Bowl XLIV. The Saints defeated the Indianapolis Colts, making it their first Super Bowl win in history.

Don't Ask, Don't Tell Repeal was one of the many "coming of age" acts passed in 2010. The bill was originally created to prevent discrimination against gays and bisexuals serving in the military. The reality of the policy's effectiveness was one of oppression. This repeal had been debated over and over again for over 15 years, making it a hot topic.

Apple's release of the iPad gave techies everywhere reason to sing. The company sold more than 3 million in just 80 days. People waited in lines for days everywhere in order to be the first to own the newest advance in technology.

Wikileaks, created by one of the most notorious figures of 2010, had people flocking to their nearest computer or BlackBerry. Julian Assange put his hacking abilities to good use, releasing over 250,000 U.S. State Department cables and documents from Afghan War Diary and Iraq War Logs. All documents revealed shocking details about the U.S. government, making it the latest hot gossip.

"Whatcha talkin bout Willis?" Not much after the beloved Gary Coleman died in October. The "Diff'rent Strokes" actor was just 42.

The BP Oil Spill caused an uproar among more than men and women concerned with the world's already decaying resources. The spill was one of the largest in history, mucking up the Gulf of Mexico for over three months. The \$20 billion spill continues to affect the Louisiana shoreline, putting a strain on hurricane clean up still taking place.

One of the most shocking and uplifting stories of 2010 was the recovery story of the Chilean miners. The 33 miners thought to be dead for 17 days were found and rescued from a collapsed mine in Chile in October. The story inspired more than the survivors, but also the billions of viewers that tuned in as well.

Politicians everywhere held their breath when entertainer Stephen Colbert stood on Capitol Hill testifying to the Subcommittee on Immigration as his character from the "Colbert Report." Colbert was criticized during testimony for cracking jokes and not taking the questions seriously.

Mother Nature proved unforgiving last year. In 2010, her tectonic plates were shifting into high, disastrous gear as she shook up Haiti in January, Chile in February, China in April and Indonesia in October. Countries relied heavily on the support of the United States to feed, clothe and shelter millions of survivors continuing to recover from disaster.

San Francisco rejoiced as the Giants beat the Texas Rangers, winning the World Series. Edgar Renteria's three run homerun in the seventh inning helped him nab the World Series MVP award. It was the first time the Rangers had ever reached the World Series.

Soccer fans rejoiced at the 2010 FIFA World Cup. Ratings for the event hosted by South Africa were at their peak as many viewers experienced diversity through this event. The commonly controversial continent of South Africa received a much needed spotlight of harmony and progress.

The 2010 Winter Olympics were held in Vancouver, giving families everywhere plenty of sports and excitement to watch. The biggest event of the Olympics was the battle for the gold between the United States and Canada, the U.S. was awestruck when Canada scored the game-winning overtime goal.

Tennis fan or not, everyone was keeping up with Wimbledon where the longest match in tennis history took place. The 11 hour, five minute tennis match, which spanned three days, proved everybody wins as both players received awards for their efforts.

Lindsay Lohan proved that no matter how famous you are the law still applies after being sentenced to jail time again. Her every move could have been seen on entertainment news shows everywhere, making her the most web-searched actress of the year.

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What's HOT

Welcome 2011
Resolutions for the new year. Diets, quitting bad habits and getting better grades are just some of the many choices people have pledged to do since Jan. 1.

Football

The NFL Playoffs. With nearly every other sport either out of season or in training, football has been the sport to watch lately.

Hot Hats

Lumber jack hats. With the harsh winter weather upon us, these cozy hats can be seen all over campus.

What's NOT

Jersey Shore

The Jersey Shore writing their own books. How can they write their own books if they cannot even read?

Weather

Cold winter weather. The snow, accompanied with windchills in the negatives, makes the walk to and from classes almost painful.

The Kansas City Chiefs

The Chiefs losing the playoff game. The Chiefs dropped the ball big time, losing the playoff game 30-7.

Coming entertainment for 2011

By Amanda Schulte-Smith
Features Editor

With what seemed like a whirlwind of entertainment gold that was 2010, the new year is looking even more promising with music and movie releases that will not disappoint.

From superheroes to intergalactic robots, the box office is giving people everywhere a reason to go to the theater.

2011 looks to be the comic book readers' dream with the release of "The Green Hornet" and "Captain America: The First Avenger."

"The Green Hornet" seems to be quite promising with a slimmer, cleaner Seth Rogan playing the lead role while previews of the comic book classic show seem intriguing to a degree, but we will have to wait until its premiere Jan. 14 to see.

Embracing your inner child won't be hard with movie premieres like "Kung Fu Panda II" and "Cars 2" coming out later

this summer. The two Pixar classic sequels will have big shoes to fill. "Kung Fu Panda II" looks to be just as exciting and goofy as the first with the help of some fun new characters added to the cast.

Director Michael Bay hopes to redeem his status as the visual effects king this year, releasing "Transformers: Dark of the Moon." With the bar set pretty low after the last film, Bay can only go up with this attempt.

One of the most highly anticipated movie releases of the summer is "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hollows Part II."

The final edition of the decade long series is finally here, promising to be the best yet. With Harry, Ron and Hermione facing their greatest challenge yet, the movie will be something to see, fan or not.

To keep you interested between box office hits, artists like Pearl Jam, REM and the Red Hot Chili Peppers all have new albums releasing in 2011.

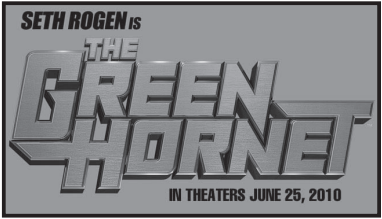
REM traveled overseas to

Germany for the release of their 15th studio album, Collapse into Now, said to have a new sound influenced by the city of Berlin. Classic albums like Iggy Pop's The Idiot, U2's Achtung Baby and two-thirds of David Bowie's Berlin Trilogy (Heroes, Low) were all also recorded in Berlin.

REM's individual sound and style mixed with this new inspiration from Berlin will be something fresh and inviting for listeners.

One of the biggest unanswered questions of 2011 is the release date of the Red Hot Chili Peppers' newest album. The album is rumored to be released the beginning of summer 2011. The Peppers will kick off their summer tour by playing songs from the new album at the Summer Sonic Festival and Rock in Rio.

The band has a lot to celebrate this year as their performance in Rio de Janeiro will mark the 20th anniversary of the release of their album Blood Sugar Sex Magik.



THE STROLLER

Your man teaches you Christmas gifts 101



Like it or not, Christmas gift-giving is all about charades. Here are a few tips from Your Man on how to play a convincing role before, during and after Christmas morning. And yes, I realize it's January. But guess what happens in eleven months, genius? I've been strolling for almost a century. This ain't my first rodeo.

Just a few weeks ago, you blindly grabbed something that some clever TV ad promised would be a good Christmas present. You shoved it in an old gift bag that's been circulating in your family for years and told your mom that you knew

she's always wanted one. Then, when your grandma plopped that green-ribboned, lumpy sack of glittering yuletide cheer in your lap, you flashed a phony smile that would have aced an audition for a Barney kid. After carefully untying the ribbon to reveal the DVD set of "Survivor: Cook Islands," your face lights up faster than a single mom on her Union-mandated smoking break at Steak'n Shake.

That is a classic example of over eagerness. Instead, try this method: honesty. In the first example of your mom's present, simply say, "Hey mom, I know you've always wanted that CD of some

70's singer, but I don't care enough to remember what it is so I just got you this Chinese-quality trinket as a way of saying thanks for giving birth to me and showering me with love and attention for two decades." Your mom will smile and nod her head. Meanwhile, dear old grandma will brace herself for whatever onslaught of brutal honesty follows her half-baked gift idea.

Another holiday catastrophe saved by Your Man. You can all thank me later.

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51 Enjoy the Appalachian Trail
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53 Maker of tiny combs
55 Like a persistent headache
60 O'Connor's successor
62 '80s fashion fad inspired by dance films
64 The QE2, e.g.
65 An acre's 43,560 square feet
66 Je t'__: Pierre's "I love you"
67 Canada's highest mountain
68 Tramp's love
69 Put in the overhead

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1 Aggressive sort
2 Et __: and others
3 Monopoly payment
4 Bilko's mil. rank
5 Believer's antithesis
6 Otter's kin
7 Actor Wallach
8 Word repeated in a Doris Day song
9 More than crawl
10 Palindromic girl's name that ranked among the 10 most popular in each of the past five years
11 Like some pride
12 How contracts are usually signed
13 Garment including a chemise
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31 Like takers
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36 Hombre's hand
37 "I get it, I get it!"
38 British rock star Bush
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41 Former Nicaraguan leader
43 "The Way We __"
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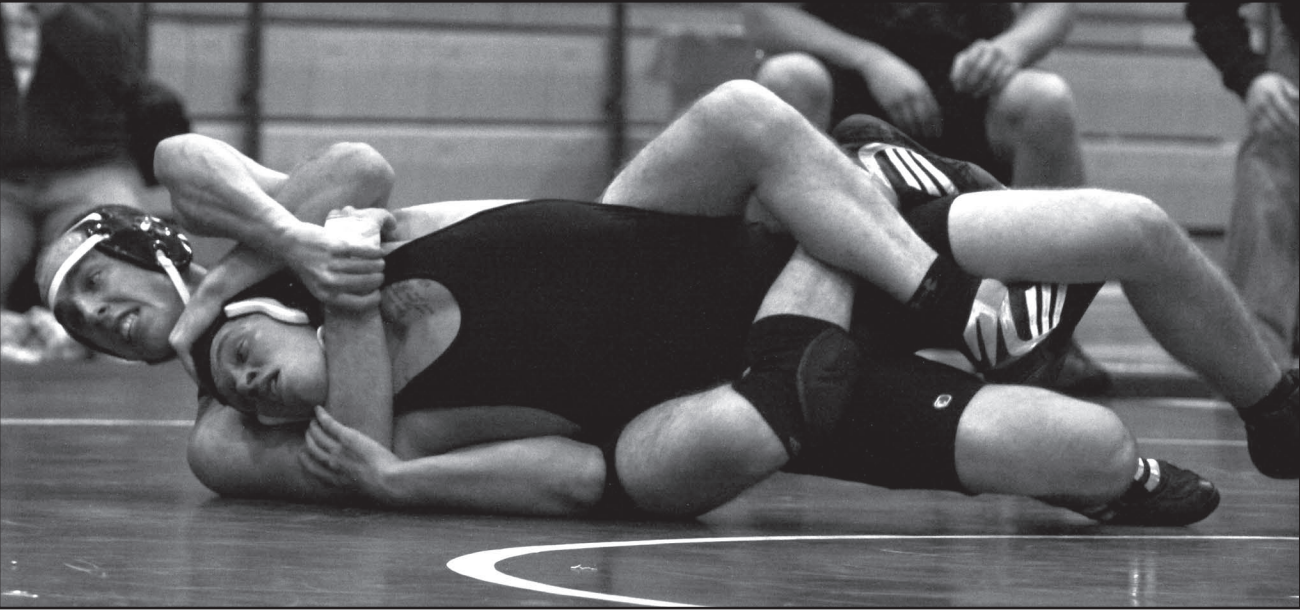
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KODY HAWKINS PUTS his opponent in a headlock during a meet last November. The wrestling club has had three wins and two losses since the program was reinstated in January 2010.

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When is a coach not just a coach?

How a legendary coach made every interview a life-time memory

By Tony Botts
Sports Editor

You might find it hard to believe that a prospective student would ever choose this small university based on the success of the football program, but someone did.

The student barely knew what he wanted to do with a degree in journalism, but writing about a football team that made four consecutive national championship appearances was a good start.

He didn't know it at the time and he certainly couldn't pronounce the coach's name, or even attempt to spell it for that matter, but he knew the team was pretty darn good, all because of the head coach.

Writing about a national powerhouse, with Mel Tjeerdsma's integrity and success at the helm, only sweetened the deal.

When the freshman received the first of many Bearcat football assignments, it took quite a bit of nerve to even dial the legendary coach's office. A brief voice message moments later was the reward for the sports writer who found enough courage to call, only to reach the coach's voice mail.

To the journalist's surprise, a stranger's number appeared on his phone followed with the voice of the four-time national Coach of the Year.

Not only did the coach return the call, he returned it promptly, a thing that any other coach would have waited until their arrival at the office the next day to do, not while in the car en route to a meeting in Kansas City.

With the interview set up, the writer quickly called home to tell his parents of the news of his meeting with the accomplished coach. The roommate was next to find out while the anxiety of the interview continued to build.

Arriving outside of the coach's office the next day, the nerves kicked in again as he endured a moment's wait while the coach finished a meeting.

Once the interview began, question after question

was answered with thought and care.

The interview concluded and the writer was just about to go on his way, when the coach flipped the roles and turned the interview around on the writer. He inquired about the writer's age and hometown. Sitting in the office filled with countless books, trophies and tributes to former players, the two even found time to talk about current Bearcats the writer played against in high school.

Numerous interviews followed over the next year and a half and a number of those interviews were followed by conversations and talks similar to the first one the two shared.

A phone call never went unreturned. The coach was always quick with a 'hello' and even quicker with a joke and a laugh.

On Tuesday's at the weekly athletic luncheons, the coach was always the last to leave. He always made sure he answered the writer's questions as the caterers cleared the tables around them.

It seemed natural to expect to see him pacing the sideline with the passion for the game and the players that he loved so dearly. It was easy to anticipate finding your way at the end of the hallway where the coach's office was and seeing him working diligently on his work while remaining inviting to those passing by the open door of his office.

Even through his growing accolades and achievements, he was never larger than life. He was the same man of faith, neighbor, grandfather and coach that Maryville loved to love. It's no wonder why he is so often referred to as the 'Mayor of Maryville.'

Next season, it will be hard to scan the Bearcat sideline and not see the person who turned Northwest into the football program it is today.

I didn't know who he was at the time I applied to Northwest, but I'm grateful for having known him before he walked away, held in the highest respect by players, fans and opponents.

I don't know when, but I'm sure one day you will make your return to football somewhere, some how. You can bet I plan on being there to laugh at every joke and leave no question unasked.

B. BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS	
Overall	MEC
Bishop LeBlond ..3-7	1-0
Maryville.....9-2	1-0
Smithville.....6-5	1-0
Savannah6-5	0-1
Cameron10-0	1-0
Chillicothe.....2-9	0-2
Lafayette8-5	0-0
Benton2-11	0-1

Friday:
MARYVILE at Falls City
Saturday:
MARYVILLE vs. Auburn
Monday-Friday:
at Basehor-Linwood Tourney

G. BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS	
Overall	MEC
Maryville.....8-2	1-0
Savannah7-4	1-0
Chillicothe.....4-5	0-1
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M. BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS	
Overall ..	MIAA
Mo. Southern ..12-1	8-1
Fort Hays.....13-2	7-2
Pitt. State9-3	5-3
Neb.-Omaha...8-4	5-3
Emporia St.8-6	5-3
Washburn.....7-5	4-4
S.W. Baptist7-7	4-4
Mo. Western....6-7	4-4
Central Mo.8-6	3-5
Truman4-8	2-6
NORTHWEST .4-8	2-6
Lincoln (Mo.) .2-10	0-8

Wednesday:
Central Mo. at NORTHWEST
Mo. Western at Truman
Pitt State at Washburn
S.W. Baptist at Neb.-Omaha
Emporia St. at Lincoln (Mo.)
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W. BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS	
Overall ..	MIAA
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SENIOR FORWARD TAYLOR Gadbois drives towards the hoop Tuesday, Nov. 30 at the Savannah Invitational Tournament. Gadbois put up 13 points in the 'Hounds' 62-39 victory over Hogan Prep Academy.



SETH COOK | CHIEF VISUAL JOURNALIST

SPOOFHOUNDS

Buzzer beater lifts girls

Hageman, team grab No. 7 state ranking in Class 3

By Bryce Mereness
Chief Sports Reporter

Senior guard Molly Steins' shot at the buzzer gave the Spoofhounds a second straight Bishop LeBlond Holiday Tournament Championship. Steins took the inbound pass from senior forward Taylor Gadbois with one second on the clock. The shot earned her MVP honors for the tournament. Steins averaged eight points per game in the tournament. The 35-34 final win came after the Golden Ea-

gles defeated the 'Hounds in the Savannah Invitational championship game earlier in the season. The 'Hounds then opened conference play with a 42-27 win against Lafayette. Mataya Wooten returned to the team after serving a suspension for her October violation of team rules. She scored nine points in her return against Lafayette. Maryville is riding a five-game winning streak since a 56-38 loss at Hamilton Dec. 10, despite 13 points from Gadbois and eight points each from Steins and junior Brooke Byland. The 'Hounds' match up with Mid-Buchanan was

snowed out on Tuesday. They will travel to Falls City (Neb.) Friday. Maryville defeated Falls City in the second round of the Bishop LeBlond Holiday Tournament. Gadbois led the team in the victory with a double-double, 11 points and 13 rebounds. Steins and senior Shannon McClellan chipped in seven points a piece. The 'Hounds faced off with last year's Class 1 runner up Jefferson Dec. 16. Gadbois led the way with 22 points and Steins added 11. The 'Hounds are No. 7 in the Missouri Class 3 poll. Bishop LeBlond is one spot ahead at No. 6.

Upcoming Games Schedule

- Thursday 1-13**
Wrestling At Falls City (Neb.) 5:30 p.m.
- Friday 1-14**
Boys' and Girls' Basketball At Falls City (Neb.) 4:30 p.m.
- Monday 1-17 through Friday 1-22**
Boys' Basketball At Basehor-Linwood Tournament in Basehor, Kan. TBA
- Tuesday 1-18**
Girls' Basketball At Auburn (Neb.) 5 p.m.
- Thursday 1-20**
Girls' Basketball At Clarinda 7 pm
- Saturday 1-22**
MEC Wrestling Tournament away

Close loss knocks boys from Top 10 rankings

By Jason Lawrence
Assistant Sports Editor

The taste of last Friday's loss to Savannah will linger a little longer for the Maryville boys' basketball team after Tuesday night's game against Auburn (Neb.) was canceled due to inclement weather. The Spoofhounds fell 48-42, ending a seven game winning streak that saw Maryville rise to No. 6 in the Class 3 rankings. Maryville trailed by only one at halftime, but could not regain ground, scoring only six points in the third quarter. Junior guard Tyler Walter led Maryville with 13 points and senior guard Tyler Peve chipped in 12 points. The loss dropped the 'Hounds out of the state Top 10 and to 9-2 on the season. On Jan. 3, the boys won their conference opener versus Chillicothe 53-40.

The Spoofhounds led by three at halftime, but outscored the Hornets 22-8 in the third quarter to pull away. Peve scored a game-high 22 points. Walter added 14 points and sophomore guard Jonathan Baker dropped in 12 points. In the North Central Missouri College Shootout, Maryville defeated Carrollton 54-46 behind 46 combined points from Peve, Walter and Baker, including all 23 second half points. The following night, the Spoofhounds beat Odessa 67-25 in the NCMC Shootout. Maryville hits the court again at 4:30 p.m. Friday in Falls City, Neb. Junior varsity plays first with the varsity game to follow immediately after. The Basehor-Lindwood tournament gets underway Monday in Basehor, Kan. and runs through Friday. Game times are to be announced.



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JUNIOR GUARD TYLER Walters soars toward the basket in a game on Tuesday Dec. 7. The 'Hounds are coming off a 48-42 loss to Savannah Friday.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

BEARCATS

Shaneel Narayan



Junior guard Shaneel Narayan has scored 22 points in two of his last three games, including a 22-point, 11-assist outing in a 85-66 win over Lincoln.

Gentry Dietz



Senior post Gentry Dietz has been averaging 15 points and 10 rebounds since her return Dec. 18 after sitting out the entire first semester.

Tyler Walter



Junior guard Tyler Walter scored a team-high 13 points in Maryville's 48-42 loss to Savannah on Friday. He scored 14 points in the 53-40 win over Chillicothe.

Molly Stiens



Senior guard Molly Stiens earned the Bishop LeBlond Holiday Tournament MVP honors after hitting the game-winning three-pointer against LeBlond.

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DARRELL LONG | VISUAL JOURNALIST

ABOVE: THE NORTHWEST CHEERLEADERS practice on Monday night. The squad will travel to the UCA Nationals in Orlando, Fla. on Saturday. RIGHT: SOPHOMORE RANDI MYERS yells the chant portion of their routine for Saturday's competition.

Cheerleaders prepare to defend national title

Squad hopes to use returning experience to capture back-to-back national crowns in Orlando

By Bryce Mereness
Chief Sports Reporter

After many hours of backflips, basket catches and pyramids, the Northwest cheerleaders are on their way to Orlando to defend their national championship on Saturday.

The squad has been practicing twice a day since winter break started. They hope the hard work will pay off with another championship routine.

"I feel like we had to practice a lot harder this year to be a lot cleaner in what we're doing," cheer coach Jason Sack said. "We're a pretty seasoned group as far as the returners, but at the same point in time we didn't want to walk down and stay at the same level; we wanted to kick it up a notch. ... It's coming together the way it should."

Check out our exclusive video with the defending champions online

Senior captain Andrea Bintliff is excited for the chance to defend the title. Bintliff expects the experience from last year to put the Bearcats in position to hoist the trophy again.

"Going down there last year and winning was a great experience for all of us," Bintliff said. "It was definitely something new and exciting. Going down there this year, we're just ready to defend our title. I think that doing it last year definitely put us in the right place for this year. We're ready."

Even with a high number of returning members, the 'Cats still had to fill spots. An effort was to relay the experience to the new members up to speed.

"Dealing with nerves with newer people is always a big issue," senior Taylor Iacarella said. "We have a lot of experience on this team. We pretty much told (the new members), 'Take a deep breath, go through the routine in your head and let your natural ability take over.' We just have the most belief in our teammates right now. We just have a lot of confidence coming off this latest performance. I think we can go down there and take it."



The 'Cats have settled into their role as defending champions. They know that other teams will be gunning for them, but have to worry about only what they can control.

"Now that we have that target on our back we're just going to have to go out there and hit our stuff," Iacarella said. "We can't surprise anyone anymore, we're not the new name. Luckily for us we don't have to play defense on the other teams, we just have to go out there and take care of our own business."

A few lessons can be learned from the football team's attempt at being repeat champions.

"With the football team and with every other program, it's not easy to do it two years, especially in a row," Bintliff said. "It's a goal and hopefully we'll be there to get it."



LORI FRANKENFIELD | CHIEF VISUAL JOURNALIST
JUNIOR GUARD ABBY Henry drives the ball past an University of Nebraska-Kearney opponent on Monday Nov. 15 in Bearcat Arena. Henry helped the 'Cats win 81-75 with a game-high 26 points.

Women continue winter win streak

By Bryce Mereness
Chief Sports Reporter

The Northwest women look to reverse last year's fortunes against Central Missouri. The Bearcats hope to defend their home court.

Entering their match up with Central, the 'Cats were riding a six game winning streak.

The streak is the longest since the 2003-04 season, when they won the MIAA Tournament. Head coach Gene Steinmeyer insists that the team must remain focused in the always tough MIAA.

"Last year about this time Fort Hays was riding high," Steinmeyer said. "They were worrying about regional rankings and all that. They ended up eighth seed in the tournament, barely. This league can turn you sour in a hurry."

With more than two months left in the season, the challenge for coaches becomes keeping things fun

and interesting through the grind of the season.

"The team's got to want to get the gym," Steinmeyer said. "They have to want to suit up for games. The excitement and fun of post-season looming ahead; you either get that or a team that can't wait till its over. The teams that can't wait till its over find out it gets over."

The Bearcats only lost two players from last year's squad. The experience gained from making a run into the MIAA tournament has been invaluable according to Steinmeyer and players.

"I think we're a veteran team this year," senior Gentry Dietz said. "We have practically everyone back, we only have two new people and we all know each other. Last year I feel like the close games we had, we lost. This year I feel like we're older and we know how things go more so those close games, we can power through."

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Angelo State tags former assistant head coach as head guy

Wagner leaves Bearcats for warmer weather, Lone Star Conference

By Tony Botts
Sports Editor

The news was quickly overshadowed by the announcement of Mel Tjeerdsma's retirement, but was none-the-less big news within the Northwest football program.

Over break, Angelo State University (San Angelo, Texas), named Will Wagner, former Northwest assistant head coach and defen-

sive backs coach, as the seventh head coach in program history.

"It's a great opportunity," Wagner said. "It's a school that has a lot of tradition and history with it. 2005, they were in the playoffs. Last couple of years, they've struggled. And it's in a great conference: the Lone Star Conference."

Former Northwest head coach Mel Tjeerdsma fully endorsed Wagner, regardless of the assistant's lack of coordinator experience.

"I'm really excited for him," Tjeerdsma said. "I think it's a great opportunity. I think he's

ready to be a head coach and he'll do a great job, there's no doubt about that. Some people say 'well he's never been a coordinator.' That's fine, he'll do a great job. I think Angelo is a place where he can really build its tradition."

Wagner is also aware of his inexperience but is confident in his abilities.

"When it comes down to it, I



Will Wagner
Angelo State head coach

don't think it will matter," Wagner said. "I'm going to go out there and put our guys in the best situation that they can be in and I want to motivate them to be the best player they can (be) on and off the field. The only thing is I haven't called a play. But, I don't plan to. I plan on hiring two really good coordinators down there and letting them take charge of that."

Wagner, who spent 13 seasons with the Bearcats, returns to his home state to coach a Rams team that posted a 5-5 record this fall.

Part of building the tradition of the Rams might look similar to the way pride and tradition was

amassed at Northwest, as Wagner intends to take everything Tjeerdsma showed and taught the young head coach.

"I owe a lot to him, giving me an opportunity to come to Northwest and teaching me what it takes to be a leader, a great coach and a great man, and hopefully I can take that with me to my job at Angelo State," Wagner said.

"I've seen it work and that's what I plan to do at Angelo State. I'm excited about that and I think once we get things going, I get my coaching staff in place that place can be special just like Northwest Missouri."

Bostwick stays in house for new promotions

By Tony Botts and Jason Lawrence
Sports Editor and Assistant Sports Editor

Osborn tabbed by Bostwick

Former Northwest quarterback and graduate assistant Joel Osborn was hired as the Bearcats' new wide receivers coach and recruiting coordinator.

Osborn said a great opportunity lies before him and he personally feels blessed to be hired by the school where he spent his entire playing career.

"It doesn't get any better than this," Osborn said. "Not too often do you get to play at the same school you G.A. at and the same school you became a full time coach at. I feel very blessed at this opportunity."



Joel Osborn
Wide receivers coach



Richard Wright
Defensive coordinator

'Wright' guy for the job

Richard Wright will succeed head coach Scott Bostwick as defensive coordinator, taking over a defense that has competed atop the MIAA for years.

Wright will remain working with the defensive line, but returns to calling the defense, a position he left at St. Ambrose (Iowa) when hired by Northwest.

"I'm excited for the opportunity," Wright said. "When I came to Northwest Missouri I left the defensive coordinator's job. So I'm excited to get back to calling defenses again. Coach Bostwick has always been really good at getting input from all of us. It will be fun to be making the calls again."



Adam Dorrel
Assistant head coach

Dorrel top priority

Offensive coordinator Adam Dorrel remains the 'Cats' offensive coordinator, but was promoted to assistant head coach to Bostwick.

Dorrel's offenses consistently rank among the best in the country making him a candidate for head coach. However, Bostwick made sure Dorrel was here to stay.

Dorrel was a three-year captain for the



DARREN WHITLEY | NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY
NEW ATHLETICS DIRECTOR Wren Baker addresses the media and University officials during his introductory press conference Wednesday Jan. 5. Baker has served since as the director of athletics since 2006 at Rogers State University in Claremore, Okla. He is set to begin at Northwest in February.

Orientation toward results

Wren Baker named director of athletics, ready to begin work with new opportunity

By Jason Lawrence
Assistant Sports Editor

Before Wren Baker arrived at Rogers State University in the summer of 2006, the school did not have collegiate athletics and was transitioning toward becoming a member of the NAIA.

"His impact here has been monumental," said Larry Rice, Rogers State University President. "He arrived in June 2006 and by one year later, we were full-fledged members of the NAIA and the Sooner Athletic Conference."

"He hired the coaches and set up an athletic department from ground zero, so his impact here was monumental. It was huge."

He will leave Rogers State with 10 teams intact in February to become the new director of athletics at Northwest and oversee all 16 Bearcat sports, replacing Bob Boerigter, who took the job as MIAA commissioner.

"I think it's a great opportunity," Baker said. "Overall, just the opportunity to get involved with a program that has succeeded at a very high level in a lot of sports, but especially football."

"You come there and you see there

is potential to do so much more. I think that's a great environment for me and I think of the opportunities I've had to leave here for different jobs, that's the one that I decided, 'Hey, that's the one I want to take.' It's a very, very special opportunity."

Baker found out about the Northwest job through a press release about Boerigter taking the MIAA job. He asked some contacts about the University, liked what he heard and ultimately applied.

Rogers State is now working toward becoming a member of Division II, leaving big shoes to fill in Claremore, Okla.

"It leaves a huge hole, but we will try and work quickly to fill that vacancy with a competent person," Rice said. "We know it's a good career move, we wish him well, but we very much hate to see him depart."

"On a personal note, selfishly I hate to see him go because he's a good person and we developed a great friendship in this past few years."

Baker was selected from a pool of three finalists and was officially introduced Jan. 5. His duties begin Feb. 14.

Baker was chosen for the job by a cross-campus search committee over Glen Krupica of Northern Illinois University and Mark Fisher from Springfield, Mo. Public Schools.

"We are very pleased to have Wren

BAKER'S RESUME

Wren Baker's extensive resume shows a promising future to his newly acquired position as athletic director of Northwest Missouri State University.

- 10 Years spent in athletics
- 70 Rogers State athletic programs' winning percentage during his tenure
- 7 Head coaches hired at Rogers State
- 0 Number of athletic teams at Rogers State when Baker got there in 2006
- 10 Number of athletic teams at Rogers State now

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Southeastern Oklahoma State University '01
Master's degree in education leadership studies from Oklahoma State University '03

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